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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION / MILTON FRIEDMAN

BACKGROUND:

Supervisor Delgaudio requests that staff prepare a Resolution of Recognition for economist and presidential advisor Milton Friedman. The Resolution will honor the life and achievements of Milton Friedman and will name July 31, 2007, the 95th anniversary of his birth, and all subsequent anniversaries, as "Milton Friedman Day" in Loudoun County.

The resolution will be sent to Stanford University's Hoover Institution, where Friedman served as senior research fellow until his passing.

DRAFT MOTION:

I move approval of the Resolution of Respect for Milton Friedman.

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA COUNTY OF LOUDOUN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Resolution of Recognition

MILTON FRIEDMAN DAY

WHEREAS, economist Milton Friedman, born on July 31st, 1912 to humble working-class Jewish immigrants, worked throughout his life advancing human freedom and serving the public good through his works as an award-winning scholar, author of a dozen books, *Newsweek* columnist, television host, and advisor to world leaders; and

WHEREAS, Friedman's unwavering devotion to greater individual and economic freedoms greatly influenced Presidents Gerald Ford, Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan, and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, leading to newfound economic growth and renewal in both nations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to economic policy, Friedman also successfully worked to abolish the military draft and later dedicated his life to the cause of extending greater educational opportunities to children of all economic status; and

WHEREAS, Friedman has been noted as one of the 20th Century's most notable figures and honored for his work with the John Bates Clark Medal, the National Medal of Science, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and a Nobel Prize in Economics; and

WHEREAS, Friedman's advocacy of international free trade helped shape Loudoun County's modern economy; and

WHEREAS, on November 16th, 2006, Milton Friedman passed away at the age of 94;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, on this date of December 19th, 2006, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Milton Friedman, and by virtue of this resolution, give notice to our citizens that July 31st, 2007; and all subsequent anniversaries thereafter, is "Milton Friedman Day."

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